

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of November 29, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

independent claims 1, 19 and 38 are amended to specify that a plurality of heater elements are arranged in each bubble forming chamber, with each heater element being suspended between corresponding electrodes, and that the heater elements and associated electrodes in each bubble forming chamber are arranged so that the electrodes are non-coincident. Support for this amendment can be found in pending dependent claims 15, 34 and 51 and at page 19, lines 1-3 of the present specification;

dependent claims 15, 34 and 51 are amended to conform with amended claims 1, 19 and 38; and

dependent claims 2-8, 10-14, 16-18, 20-22, 24-27, 29-33, 35-37, 39-44, 46-50 and 52-54 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38, and the claims dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Campbell, Sakurai, Moon, Silverbrook, Kubby and De Moor either taken alone or in combination, because none of the cited references teach or suggest multiple heater elements in each chamber having associated electrodes which are non-coincident with electrodes of the other heater elements, as is required by amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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